



Summaries of Officers Feloniously Killed

Note: Occasionally, the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted program is unable to publish summaries concerning some officers who are feloniously killed in the line of duty. These situations may stem from insufficient information, gag orders that are issued by the courts, or other unusual circumstances that may exist. Although a written summary of the death of one officer who was killed in 2007 is not included in this publication, all available information is included where applicable in the data tables.

Alabama

A 36-year-old officer with the Huntsville Police Department was fatally wounded while attempting to make an arrest on December 14. Shortly after 9 p.m., the officer, who had nearly 2 years of law enforcement experience, was called to a traffic accident in which people were injured. At the scene, one of the drivers involved in the accident, who was being placed under arrest for driving under the influence, used a .22 Magnum revolver to shoot the victim officer at close range. The officer, who was wearing a protective vest, received a fatal wound to the front of his head. He was transported to a local hospital where he died the following morning. The 53-year-old driver was taken into custody at the scene and charged with Capital Murder. He had a prior criminal record and was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the incident.

Arizona

A police officer with the Glendale Police Department was shot and killed while assisting another officer with a vehicle stop on February 19. Around 7:30 a.m., the 24-year-old police officer, who had 2 years of law enforcement experience, responded to back up the primary officer, who had stopped a car with no license plate. After detaining the driver in the back seat of his patrol car for a misdemeanor warrant, the primary officer approached the car again near the passenger door while the backup officer covered from the rear of the vehicle. Without notice, the front seat passenger exited the car and spun around to face the officer at the rear of the vehicle. As he did so, he drew a .357 Magnum revolver from his waistband and immediately fired at the backup officer, who was

wearing body armor, and fatally hit the officer in the right side of his head. The primary officer fired at the suspect and then radioed dispatch. The assailant quickly moved away from the scene while shooting at the primary officer. As the primary officer went for cover, he fired again and hit the suspect in the right knee, instantly knocking him to the ground. The primary officer continued to watch the suspect and attempted to protect the victim officer by moving him to the closest point of cover behind the wheel of a parked car. The 33-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record including police assault and weapons violations, was located that day by responding officers from both the Glendale and Phoenix Police Departments. He abruptly surrendered and was charged with First-Degree Murder and Attempted First-Degree Murder.



On July 27, a 23-year-old officer with the Phoenix Police Department was killed when attempting to arrest a suspect at a local business. Just before 8:30 p.m., the officer, who had 3 years' law enforcement experience, responded to a call from a local check cashing company where the clerk said someone was presenting a stolen check drawn on a commercial account. The officer arrived, approached the suspect from behind, and used his left hand to grab the suspect's left hand. The officer then used his right hand to cuff the suspect's left hand. At that point, the officer noticed the woman who was with the suspect move toward an exit. As the officer commanded the woman to remain in the building, the suspect spun to the left, drew a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun from his front waistband, and fired two rounds at the officer at close range. The officer, who was wearing a protective vest, was injured first in the shoulder and then received a fatal wound to the front of his head. The suspect and the woman fled the scene but were apprehended 8½ hours later after a short standoff. The 20-year-old suspect, who was a known drug user and on probation at the time of the incident, had a prior criminal record that included violent crime and drug violations. He was charged with First-Degree Murder, Forgery, and Burglary.



On September 18 at 8:35 a.m., a 33-year-old police officer with the Phoenix Police Department was fatally shot in the head at close range while attempting to make an arrest. The officer, a 9-year veteran of law enforcement, and his partner approached a man and two women who were jaywalking and obstructing the flow of traffic. The man

gave the officers a fictitious name that registered a misdemeanor warrant. As the officer, who was wearing protective body armor, and his partner attempted to take the man into custody, the suspect drew a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and fatally shot the victim officer at close range in the back of the head. After firing several additional shots, the offender carjacked a vehicle and took the driver hostage. The victim officer was rushed to a local medical center where he died an hour later. About the same time, an unmarked special assignment unit spotted the car matching the carjacked vehicle's description and boxed in the vehicle. The suspect pointed his gun towards his hostage, and an officer of the special unit shot and killed him before he was able to harm the hostage or anyone else. The deceased offender was 22 years of age and had an extensive criminal history.

Arkansas

A patrol officer with the Fort Smith Police Department was killed in an unprovoked attack at 9:30 p.m. on March 23. The 33-year-old officer, who was wearing a protective vest, was sent to assist a woman who was retrieving her child from her boyfriend's residence. Earlier that day, there had been a domestic disturbance at the residence that had resulted in the arrest of the woman's boyfriend, the child's father. The officer, who had nearly 12 years of law enforcement experience, and the woman were met at the front door by the brother of the woman's boyfriend. The man opened the door and closed it after briefly talking to the officer and the woman and being informed of the purpose of their presence. The man then suddenly re-opened the door and immediately fired four rounds from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. One round fatally struck the officer in the front of the head; the other three rounds struck the woman in the back as she was attempting to flee. The veteran officer was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The woman was hospitalized but survived the attack. The 26-year-old suspect fled to Oklahoma, where he later committed suicide.

California

On July 31, a 46-year-old patrol officer with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Placerville, died as the result of injuries sustained in a high-speed traffic pursuit that began at 12:22 p.m. in Rancho Cordova. Dispatched to a parked vehicle with an unresponsive driver lying inside, officers with the Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD) attempted to get identification from the driver. However, the man fled from the

scene in the vehicle, and a pursuit ensued reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. When the pursuit neared the county line, RCPD officers requested assistance from the CHP, engaging officers from the Placerville and South Sacramento offices. One officer with the CHP attempted to deploy a spike strip, but the suspect swerved his vehicle toward the officer, forcing him to take cover and rendering the spike strip unsuccessful. As the pursuit continued, officers with the CHP relieved RCPD officers, taking the lead and secondary positions in the chase. Monitoring the chase via radio, two other officers with the CHP, Placerville, positioned themselves to set up spike strips in both eastbound lanes of a highway in Shingle Springs. When the suspect reached their location, the patrol officers deployed the spike strips. However, as the officers retreated toward their respective vehicles for cover, the suspect veered his vehicle into the center median area, striking one of the CHP officers. Two of the three CHP units immediately stopped to assist the victim officer, who, despite wearing body armor, suffered injuries to his front torso, below his waist in the front, as well as a fatal wound to the front of his head. The victim officer, a veteran of law enforcement who had over 22 years of experience, was airlifted to a medical center where he succumbed to his wounds shortly after his arrival. The third CHP unit, joined by RCPD, chased the suspect from the highway onto a secondary road where they successfully stopped the suspect's vehicle. Following a short foot chase, the driver was taken into custody. The 38-year-old man was arrested and charged with Murder, Murder to Avoid Arrest, and Use of a Deadly Weapon. He was a known drug user who had a prior criminal record including drug offenses and police assault with a prior conviction.



On October 18 at 7 a.m., a 29-year-old officer with the Rialto Police Department's SWAT team was shot and killed during a tactical situation. The officer, who had 4½ years of law enforcement experience, was wearing a tactical vest and body armor during the operation. He was serving a series of search warrants with other SWAT officers from the Rialto and Colton Police Departments. The warrants had been issued for gang members involved in narcotic and weapon sales. In the course of serving a warrant at an apartment complex, the officers entered the suspect's residence, and the man ran down a hallway and went into a bedroom. Two of the officers followed the man into the bedroom, and the suspect lunged at one of them when they entered. During the ensuing struggle, the man apparently grabbed a gun from the second officer, a .223-caliber

semiautomatic rifle, and fired three rounds. One of the bullets struck the victim officer in the face, killing him. The offender, a 32-year-old suspected gang member, had a prior criminal record that included drug dealing and weapons violations. At the time of the incident, he had violated parole by fleeing from another state after being convicted for selling rock cocaine. He was taken into custody and charged with Murder.



Just before 1:30 p.m. on December 17, a 38-year-old detective with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department (TCSO) was shot and killed in Ivanhoe while investigating a suspicious person. The 10-year veteran of law enforcement was traveling southbound when he observed a vehicle parked alongside the road headed in the opposite direction. The detective made a U-turn, drove up to the vehicle, and spoke with the occupants. During this encounter, the detective spotted a man in a nearby orange orchard. He released the vehicle and advised dispatch that he was going to investigate the suspicious man in the orchard. The detective approached the man, talked to him, then the two walked out of the orchard toward the detective's vehicle. The man pulled out a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun and fired five shots at the detective, who suffered wounds to his stomach, chest, and front of his head. After the shooting, the man walked northbound alongside the road. A number of people driving by the scene used their in-vehicle communications systems and mobile telephones to contact dispatch for assistance. An off-duty nurse, who had witnessed the incident, stopped to provide first aid. A firefighter, who also had witnessed the event, and a sergeant with the California Highway Patrol, who had responded to the report of an officer down, also attempted to assist the wounded detective. Additional units from the TCSO were en route to the scene when a description of the suspect, based on the witness reports, was broadcasted. A sheriff's sergeant responding to the area arrested the suspect just north of the crime scene. The victim detective was taken to a local hospital where he died later that day from the head wound. The 20-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record that included arrests for drugs and who was on probation at the time of the incident, was charged with Murder.



A 37-year-old detective with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department was shot and killed shortly after 2 p.m. on December 19 while investigating a suspicious person. The

detective, a 7-year veteran of law enforcement, and his partner were driving through Sacramento when they saw a suspicious individual. The detective's partner stopped the vehicle and the detective exited and approached the suspect, who then ran. The detective chased him while his partner drove the vehicle in an attempt to intercept the suspect. A short time later, witnesses heard gunshots. The detective was found with gunshot wounds to his back, stomach, and neck from a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun. He was taken to a local hospital where he died of the injuries to his neck. After an intensive search and with information from the public, law enforcement officers arrested a 16-year-old suspect the next day and charged him with Murder and Failure to Obey Order of Juvenile Court. He was on probation and had a prior criminal record that included Violent Crime and Police Assault.

Florida

A 48-year-old sergeant with the Florida Highway Patrol, Arcadia, was shot and killed during a traffic stop on January 12. Just after 3:20 in the afternoon, the sergeant called in via radio that he had stopped a vehicle for careless driving. He advised that a passenger had fled from the vehicle and entered an orange grove. He requested routine backup and checked on the availability of a K-9 unit. The victim sergeant, a law enforcement veteran with nearly 24 years of experience, then approached the vehicle and began a conversation with the lone remaining occupant of the vehicle. One minute later, the victim sergeant notified dispatch via radio that he had been shot. A tractor-trailer driver, who had pulled in behind the trooper's car to report the stopped vehicle's careless driving, witnessed the shooting. Backup units arrived moments later and attempted first aid on the victim sergeant who had been fatally shot in the front upper torso/chest with a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The 19-year-old driver of the vehicle, who had a prior criminal record, including weapons and drug violations, was located the next day in his home in a nearby town and was arrested for First-Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm by Delinquent. The passenger surrendered to law enforcement after spending the night in the orange grove.



Just before 5 p.m. on January 30, a 42-year-old deputy sheriff with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was killed in an ambush in Marianna. He was responding to a call for help at the home of the Jackson County sheriff. Moments earlier, the wife of the sheriff

had called her husband on her mobile phone and told him that a car had followed her from the highway into their driveway. The sheriff told her he was on his way home, but before he arrived, she called him again screaming into the phone. He immediately advised dispatch of the situation and requested help. The responding deputy, who had more than 1 year of law enforcement experience, was within 2 minutes of the home and was the first to arrive. Dispatch then heard what sounded like someone saying "help." The sheriff, a captain, and a corporal arrived at the scene at the same time. One of the men who had followed the sheriff's wife home was waiting behind a bush, along with his accomplice. The suspect stepped out, shooting at the sheriff. The captain and corporal fired upon the suspects, justifiably killing them both. The officers then went to the back of the home, where they found the victim deputy and the sheriff's wife both deceased from gunshot wounds. The victim deputy had been shot in the front of the head, in the arms/hands, and fatally in the front upper torso/chest with a .38-caliber revolver. The 60-year-old and 54-year-old suspects both had prior criminal records involving violent crimes and weapons violations. The 60-year-old suspect had recently been denied an insurance claim payout because of the suspicious nature of his wife's death. Investigators determined that the 60-year-old suspect, who had fired on the responding officers, had also shot and killed the victim deputy and the sheriff's wife.



A sergeant with the Broward County Sheriff's Office was gunned down in Pompano Beach at 1:20 a.m. on August 10 while investigating suspicious persons outside a drugstore. The 51-year-old sergeant, a veteran of law enforcement who had nearly 17 years' experience, was checking the license plates of two suspicious vehicles to determine if one was stolen. The driver of one of the vehicles exited the driver's door and began shooting at the sergeant. According to police reports, the shooter advanced as he fired 10 or more shots from a 9 mm handgun. At least five of the shots struck the victim sergeant in the front lower torso beneath his body armor, below the waist, in the arms and hands, and fatally in the side of his head at close range. The unknown offender remains at large.



At 12:50 a.m. on August 15, a sergeant with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed in an ambush attack while driving alone in an unmarked car in Brandon. A witness reported that the 55-year-old sergeant had stopped his car beside her vehicle

in the northbound turning lane at a traffic light. After both vehicles made the turn and were traveling north, the witness heard shots fired. The veteran sergeant, who had nearly 28 years of law enforcement experience, activated his lights, bumped into the witness's vehicle, drove past her, and crashed into a tree. The witness called 911, and responding deputies transported the victim sergeant to a local hospital where he died of gunshot wounds to his rear upper torso and back. He also had gunshot injuries to his arms/hands from a total of three shots fired from a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Upon receiving a call from a female who claimed that her boyfriend had called her and told her he had shot a police officer, sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in Brandon. The first deputy to arrive at the scene spoke with the suspected shooter's mother and was able to evacuate her and a small child from the residence. However, the suspect barricaded himself inside of the dwelling. A SWAT team responded to the scene and attempted negotiations with the suspect, during which he fired shots from a window and struck a deputy's vehicle and another vehicle parked near the residence. On the order of the sheriff, members of the SWAT team then fired into the residence, killing the 24-year-old suspect, who had an extensive criminal record including violent crime, police assault, drugs, and weapons violations.



At 11:10 a.m. on September 13, an officer from the Miami-Dade Police Department was killed and three other officers were wounded while investigating a suspicious circumstance. The 37-year-old officer with nearly 8 years of law enforcement experience and his partner were working undercover. While riding together in a vehicle, they noticed a vehicle being driven erratically. The officers followed the vehicle to an apartment complex and approached the driver, identifying themselves as police officers. The man fled on foot, and both officers pursued him. The two officers separated and attempted to establish a perimeter around the apartment complex. The man entered his residence and subsequently began firing a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle through the front window of the building, striking the victim officer, who fell to the ground. The suspect exited the apartment and fired at the officer six more times at close range, striking him in the stomach, in the front below his waist, and fatally in the chest. The other officer, 34 years old with 6 years of law enforcement experience, advised other officers in the area that shots were being fired. He went to the front of the building to assist his fallen partner. The suspect, who was now wearing a bulletproof vest, began

firing at the assisting officer. The officer sought cover behind a vehicle and returned fire. However, the officer sustained a wound to his right leg and was pinned down behind the vehicle. A third officer, 31 years old with 1 year of law enforcement experience, responded to the scene and attempted to assist the injured officers. As she advanced toward the residence, the suspect shot her, inflicting a severe gunshot wound to her right leg. She was then trapped behind an air conditioning unit. A fourth officer, 37 years old with 18 years of law enforcement experience, responded to the scene. This officer drove into the apartment complex and stopped his vehicle near the fatally wounded officer and attempted to rescue him. The suspect shot at him, and the officer sustained a minor gunshot wound to his right leg from bullet fragments. This officer was able to leave the area without further injury. The 25-year-old offender, a man with a prior criminal record including violent crime and weapons violations, was justifiably killed at the scene by a responding officer who was not among those who were injured.

Hawaii

Approximately 3:10 a.m. on February 10, an off-duty deputy sheriff with the State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Division, Honolulu, was shot and fatally wounded during a robbery. The 27-year-old deputy sheriff, who was a 5-year veteran to law enforcement, was in a local sushi bar as the employees were preparing to close for the night when a man wearing a red ski mask entered, armed with a semiautomatic handgun with a silencer. The gunman gathered the people (approximately 10 individuals) in the establishment into one area and fired 3 or 4 rounds into the roof and wall as he ordered them to get down. Witnesses reported that the man yelled, "I want the money." One of the employees of the establishment was slow to get down on the ground, and the gunman fired a shot from his .22-caliber handgun over the man's head. He then fired a shot at the feet of the off-duty deputy sheriff, who rushed at the gunman in an attempt to subdue him. The gunman shot the deputy sheriff in the arm, neck, and chest. Employees from the sushi bar jumped on the gunman and held him down until other law enforcement officers arrived. The deputy sheriff was taken to a local hospital where he died of the gunshot wound to the chest later that day. The 35-year-old offender, who was wearing a protective vest at the time of the robbery, had a prior criminal record that included drugs and police assault. He was charged with Second-Degree Murder, First-Degree Robbery, Kidnapping—2 counts, Second-Degree Attempted Murder, First-Degree Attempted Murder, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Reckless Endangerment, and

multiple firearms violations. Investigators believe the gun used in the robbery was stolen in the 1970s.

Idaho

A 48-year-old patrol officer with the Moscow Police Department (MPD) was shot and killed in an ambush at 11:30 p.m. on May 19. The patrol officer, who had a little more than 6 years of law enforcement experience, and his 30-year-old partner, who had less than a year of law enforcement experience, responded to a call of shots fired into the Latah County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and dispatch center at the county courthouse. Several deputies and dispatchers took cover inside the building as a man fired shots from outside the building with a .308-caliber semiautomatic rifle before he took cover behind a cement retaining wall. When they arrived at the courthouse, the patrol officers approached the parking lot, and the man shot at them from more than 50 feet away. Although the patrol officers were both wearing protective body armor, a bullet hit the victim patrol officer in the chest, fatally wounding him as the powerful round penetrated his vest. The victim officer's partner was also wounded in the front below the waist by bullet fragments. A civilian attempted to aid the fallen officers, but the gunman shot the man three times, critically wounding him. Officers from the MPD and deputies from the LCSO used the personal vehicle of a sergeant from the sheriff's office in an attempt to rescue the downed patrol officers. After the wounded officers were placed in the vehicle, a 46-year-old sergeant with the LCSO, who had 17 years of law enforcement experience, attempted to take cover behind a tree. He was shot in the right forearm and right hip by the gunman, who had moved to the inside of a church across the street from the sheriff's office. Inside the church, the offender also shot and killed a church employee who attempted to call 911. The gunman held up inside the church until the following afternoon when, after the last shot was heard from inside the church, officers moved in and found the man dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. In addition to the .308-caliber semiautomatic rifle, the gunman also used an AK-47 style weapon in the shootout in which he fired a total of 160 shots. Investigators determined that the 36-year-old man had prior mental disorders and a prior criminal record that included violent crimes, and drug and weapons charges. The investigation also found that at the time of the incident, he was on probation and under the influence of drugs and alcohol. On May 20, investigators went to the home of the gunman, just outside of Moscow, and

they found his wife dead of a gunshot wound to her head. They believe her husband killed her before driving to the courthouse.

Illinois

A chief deputy with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office died July 17 from wounds sustained during a shooting on June 21. At 10:15 a.m. on June 21, the 59-year-old chief deputy, who had nearly 29 years' law enforcement experience, was on patrol looking for a pickup truck involved in a home invasion and a minivan that had been stolen from the home. On a road in Tuscola, the veteran chief deputy met vehicles traveling toward him that matched the descriptions. As the suspects' vehicles passed his, three bullets were fired from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun into the chief deputy's vehicle, one striking him in the face and another striking him fatally in the chest. Despite his wounds, he was able to radio his location, the last location where the vehicles had been seen, to law enforcement. Two suspects, one 23 years old and the other 24 years old, abandoned the pickup truck and fled in the stolen minivan. The chief deputy was transported to a hospital in Urbana where he remained until his death. Members of the Illinois State Police (ISP) located the suspects' vehicle and a high-speed chase ensued. During the chase, shots were fired at the police. ISP officers pursued the suspects until they entered the town of Arcola, where the suspects crashed the minivan. The 23-year-old suspect was immediately apprehended, but the 24-year-old suspect ran into a bank and held five people hostage at gunpoint. Following hostage negotiations with which additional ISP personnel and the FBI assisted, the suspect released the hostages unharmed and then surrendered. Both suspects had juvenile and adult criminal records that included violent crime and drug and weapons violations. The 23-year-old suspect was on probation at the time of the incident. Both suspects had a history of prior mental disorders and were charged with Murder, Home Invasion, Aggravated Kidnapping, Attempted Armed Robbery, Armed Violence, Unlawful Possession of Weapons, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, and Aggravated Vehicle Hijacking.

Indiana

At 1:38 a.m. on April 24, a 34-year-old corporal was killed and a 28-year-old patrol officer was wounded while investigating a disturbance call at a local motel. The two officers, both with the South Bend Police Department, were dispatched to the motel regarding someone firing shots in the establishment's parking lot. When the veteran

corporal, who had more than 9½ years of law enforcement experience, and the patrol officer, who had more than 1½ years of law enforcement experience, arrived at the scene, a witness directed them to the motel's second floor where the suspect had gone; however, no one knew which room the suspect had actually entered. Upon reaching the outside balcony on the second floor, the corporal and patrol officer, both of whom were wearing body armor, encountered a man who was standing in the doorway to his room. The man's left hand was empty, and his right hand was on the doorknob. The corporal and patrol officer spoke briefly to him, but he was uncooperative and avoided answering questions. The patrol officer attempted to handcuff the man, who then produced a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun. The suspect fired three shots from close range; one round struck the patrol officer in the right collarbone above his vest. The other two shots struck the corporal in the left arm and in the right side of his chest above his body armor. The officers returned fire with their .40-caliber semiautomatic handguns. The corporal fired one round, and the patrol officer fired five rounds. One of the rounds from the patrol officer's weapon struck the suspect in the head, killing him. The 45-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record including police assault, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. The corporal died of his chest injury; the patrol officer sustained a broken collarbone and had not returned to duty as of the time of this publication.



Just before 6:30 pm on June 18, a 32-year-old patrol officer with the Floyd County Police Department was killed and a backup officer was wounded in an ambush situation. The patrol officer and the 27-year-old backup officer were dispatched to a residence after a woman had reported finding marijuana in her home. She had confronted her teenage son about the drugs, and he became abusive to her. When the first responding officer, who had 4 years of law enforcement experience, arrived at the residence, he was met in the driveway by the teenager's mother and aunt, who reported that the youth had armed himself with a rifle and was possibly suicidal. Realizing the suspect was armed and may have taken a superior position in the house, the officer instructed the two women to move down the driveway and away from the home. Immediately after the backup officer arrived at the scene, gunshots were fired from an upstairs bedroom window of the home. As the officers and the women moved toward the rear of the police cars to take cover, both officers were wounded from shots from a .30-06-caliber semiautomatic rifle. The

backup officer was shot in the lower back below his protective vest. The patrol officer was shot in the leg and in the lower back, with a round penetrating his vest. The victim patrol officer managed to get behind one of the cruisers, and the backup officer went behind a nearby tree as he fired three rounds into the house to provide cover. Both officers were rescued about 10 minutes later by responding officers. The victim patrol officer died later that day from the wound in his lower back. The 15-year-old shooter, who was on probation and under the influence of narcotics at the time, committed suicide with a single rifle shot to the head.



Approximately 4 p.m. on July 5, a master trooper with the Indiana State Police, Peru, was shot and killed in an ambush while stopping to check on an individual he believed to be a stranded motorist. The 41-year-old trooper, a veteran of nearly 18 years of law enforcement, was working as a detective at the time of his death. The trooper stopped on a highway in Wabash County to check on an individual in a parked vehicle. As the trooper approached the car, the driver fired one shot from a 20-gauge lever-action shotgun and fatally struck the victim trooper in the chest. After shooting the trooper, the 21-year-old man, who had a prior criminal record, apparently reloaded the shotgun and took his own life.

Kentucky

Shortly before 11:30 a.m. on June 13, the Chief of Police of the Clay City Police Department was shot and killed with one of his own weapons while transporting a prisoner. The 55-year-old chief responded to a report of a reckless driver who was thought to be driving under the influence. He pulled over the vehicle, arrested the driver, and placed the man in the back seat of his patrol vehicle. The chief, a 23-year veteran of law enforcement, took statements from witnesses at the scene of the arrest and searched the man's vehicle. He returned to his vehicle and drove around the block to an apartment complex to take pictures of the entrance and the area around the complex where the suspect was alleged to have left skid marks on the pavement. The chief took the pictures, returned to the vehicle, and then started toward the jail. However, approximately a mile from the apartment complex, the suspect shot the chief in the back of his head with the chief's 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. Investigators were unable to determine at what point the suspect had reached through the safety screen in the patrol car and took the chief's backup weapon that he kept between the driver's seat and the

console. The 37-year-old suspect had a prior criminal record and knew the chief through a previous law enforcement relationship. In addition, he had prior mental disorders and was a known drug dealer. The suspect, who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the incident, was arrested the same day and charged with Murder, Escape, and Theft.

Louisiana

A 43-year-old sergeant with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office was shot and killed on January 25 while investigating a burglary. Just after 1:30 a.m., the off-duty sergeant, who was in his personal vehicle, observed three individuals engaged in what appeared to be a burglary of a local pharmacy. He pulled in to investigate, and the individuals fled the scene. The sergeant, a law enforcement veteran who had more than 11½ years of experience, gave chase on foot while a passenger in his vehicle called 911 to report the incident. The chase continued to a residential area where the victim sergeant was shot multiple times at close range in the stomach, in the front below the waist, and fatally in the chest with a .38-caliber revolver. He died at the scene. A 29-year-old male on conditional release, who had an extensive criminal record including murder and police assault, was arrested the next day and charged with First-Degree Murder, Resisting Arrest by Refusing to ID, Simple Burglary—2 counts, Burglary of a Pharmacy, and Contempt of Court—4 counts. The other two individuals, who both had prior criminal records, were arrested on January 25. One of the arrestees, a 25-year-old male, who was on parole at the time of the incident, was charged with Second-Degree Murder and Simple Burglary. The other arrestee, a 24-year-old male, was a known drug dealer. He was charged with Second-Degree Murder, Simple Burglary, and Issuing Worthless Checks. Another 24-year-old with a prior criminal record was arrested the same day and charged with Accessory After the Fact Aiding Felon for his involvement following the incident.



Shortly after 7 p.m. on July 5, a 22-year-old deputy sheriff with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO) was killed while responding to a domestic disturbance call in Gretna. Information received in the call indicated that a handgun was possibly in the possession of someone at the home involved in the disturbance. When the deputy sheriff, who had 1 year of law enforcement experience, arrived at the home, he exited his vehicle

and was immediately met by gunfire from a person standing in the home's open garage. One of the bullets from the .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun entered the armhole of the deputy sheriff's protective vest, fatally wounding him in the chest. Although he unholstered his service weapon before being shot, the victim deputy sheriff was unable to return fire. After assisting officers arrived at the location, the deputy sheriff was transported to a local hospital where he died several hours later. At the scene, other people in the home were able to escape without injury, including the suspect's girlfriend, with whom the suspect had argued earlier that day. The suspect's mother reported that after her son had shot the deputy sheriff, he went upstairs to a bathroom and closed the door. She then heard a single, final gunshot. The JPSO SWAT team arrived, assessed the scene, and tried to make contact with the suspect. They used robot surveillance technology to locate the suspect in the bathroom where he lay injured with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The 21-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record that included drug violations, died nearly a week later.



Two sergeants with the Bastrop Police Department were killed in an ambush while looking for a burglary suspect at 1:30 p.m. on August 10. While working a detective detail, the sergeants received a tip from an informant that the suspect was at a local motel. Based on that information, the veteran sergeants, a 34-year-old officer with over 11 years of law enforcement experience and a 40-year-old officer with 18 years of law enforcement experience, arrived at a local motel room where they were greeted by a female. As the sergeants entered the room, a man, who was hidden inside, shot at them with a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, fatally striking the 40-year-old sergeant in the chest, in the front of his head, and in his arms/hands. The 34-year-old sergeant was shot in the front below the waist and then mortally wounded in the back as the shooter chased him outside. The assailant fired additional shots into the rear lower torso of the first victim sergeant and retreated into the motel room. As emergency medical technicians arrived to treat the victim sergeants, the man emerged from the room and also fired at them. Nearby deputies with the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office heard the initial sounds of gunfire and came to the scene. Immediately, the shooter engaged the deputies in a gun battle during which he was justifiably killed. The 24-year-old man, who had a prior criminal record for various offenses, was pronounced dead at the scene. The investigating officers found that he had been using two .45-caliber semiautomatic

handguns from which he had fired more than 20 rounds. The victim sergeants were transported to a local hospital where they were pronounced dead.



Early on the morning of October 13, shortly after 3 a.m., an off-duty detective from the New Orleans Police Department was fatally wounded during a robbery of his home. The 47-year-old veteran detective, with nearly 20 years of law enforcement experience, was entering his vehicle in front of his home when two masked individuals approached him and forced him back inside his residence. His wife, who was still in bed, overheard her husband identifying himself as a police officer and offering the money in the residence in exchange for his family's safety. The detective directed the robbers to a safe located inside a closet in the master bathroom. The intruders forced the detective into the bathroom, just off of the master bedroom, and made him kneel on the steps of the bathtub. His wife was pulled from the bed and instructed to open the safe and then kneel next to her husband where they were held at gunpoint. The contents of the safe, which included a rifle, were removed. The robbers asked the detective about other weapons in the home, and the detective told them that his service handgun was hidden under the mattress on the right side of the bed. Upon retrieving the handgun and reentering the bathroom, one of the offenders made a suggestive remark and motioned toward the detective's wife. The detective then drew his off-duty semiautomatic handgun, which he had concealed on his right side in a holster, and fired two rounds. The handgun then malfunctioned. The offenders returned fire with an unknown caliber handgun, striking the detective's upper torso/stomach and left arm. One shot also struck his wife's left foot. As the detective lay bleeding on the bathroom floor, the robbers ransacked the home and fled the residence with the detective's service weapon. Twenty-seven days after the incident, the hospitalized detective succumbed to the abdominal wound. On November 21, an 18-year-old suspect was arrested and brought in for the investigation of an unrelated murder. Investigators found in the suspect's possession the service handgun of the victim detective. He then confessed to his involvement in the detective's murder and named an accomplice. The offender, who had a prior criminal record that included drug and weapons violations, was charged with First-Degree Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer and Aggravated Assault. His 19-year-old accomplice, who also had a prior criminal record of drug violations, was arrested later that day and was charged with the same offenses.

Maryland

A 34-year-old off-duty detective with the Baltimore Police Department was shot and killed when a man attempted to rob him around 1:20 a.m. on January 9. The detective, a 13-year veteran of law enforcement, was standing on the porch of his girlfriend's dwelling preparing to go in the door when a man brandishing a weapon confronted him. The detective produced his weapon, and the two men exchanged gunfire. The detective suffered multiple wounds to his arms, stomach, and chest from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun that was later recovered at the scene. The detective was taken to a local hospital where he died later that day from the wounds to his chest. Investigating officers who responded to the scene of the shooting followed a trail of blood apparently left by the alleged assailant, whom the officers believed was wounded in the shootout with the victim detective. The blood trail ended along a street where officers believed that the suspect most likely fled in a vehicle. Officers checked with hospitals in their respective areas for anyone seeking treatment for gunshot wounds. Staff from an area hospital contacted dispatchers to alert them that a walk-in patient was in the emergency room seeking treatment for a gunshot wound to his leg. Officers were dispatched to that location. The officers viewed surveillance videos from the hospital showing that the wounded man had been helped from a vehicle and assisted to the emergency room by two people. Officers located the two individuals and took them to the police department for questioning. Both of the individuals admitted driving with the suspect to the area where the shooting had occurred. They said that they had heard gunshots and that the suspect had returned a short time later bleeding profusely from his leg. The two individuals also admitted that they had helped the man into the vehicle and had driven him to the hospital. However, both denied any involvement in the shooting death of the detective. The alleged shooter was arrested that day and charged with First-Degree Murder, Handgun Use—Violent Felony, Reckless Endangerment, Handgun on Person, and First-Degree Assault.

Massachusetts

Shortly before 2 a.m. on September 29, a 30-year-old patrol officer with the Revere Police Department was killed in an ambush. The veteran officer, who had more than 5½ years of law enforcement experience, had gathered at a local ball park after 1 a.m. with his fiancée and three other officers. All four officers were in plain clothes and off-duty at the time of the incident. The group had been socializing and drinking beer for

approximately 30 minutes when a man wearing gang colors walked through the park. The man evidently overheard someone make a comment regarding his apparent gang membership. He left the park and returned a short time later and called to the officers, attempting to lure them to the area where he was standing. Two of the officers approached the man to investigate the disturbance he was causing. As they approached, three additional men appeared and immediately began firing at the officers. The victim officer attempted to fire his weapon but was fatally struck in the front of his head with a round from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun and died at the scene. The second officer who had also approached the area was able to return fire, but the suspects escaped. A few days after the incident, investigators identified and arrested several suspects. A 20-year-old arrestee, who was on probation at the time of the incident, was a known drug user and had a prior criminal history that included police assault, violent crime, and drug and weapons violations. This man had recognized the victim officer and had instigated the ambush on the group in the park; he was subsequently charged with Murder. A search warrant of a 19-year-old suspect's residence led to his arrest on a charge of Possession Class B with Intent and a pending charge of Accessory Before the Fact—Murder. He also had a prior criminal history that included violent crime and drug and weapons violations, and was on probation at the time of the incident. The third arrestee was a 17-year-old who also had a prior criminal history that included violent crime and drug and weapons violations. He was charged with Accessory Before the Fact—Murder.

Michigan

A 29-year-old police officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department was shot and killed at 1:40 a.m. on July 8 when he was ambushed while answering a domestic disturbance call. The 7-year veteran officer, who was near the location of the home when the call was sent out, volunteered to assist three other officers who were dispatched to the residence. After the officer arrived at the scene, all four officers took cover and called for the occupants of the house to come onto the front porch. A woman and her two sons, one of whom had placed the call to the police reporting that his father was armed with a shotgun and threatening to shoot the family, exited the house onto the porch and were directed to cover. The officer who voluntarily responded to the call went to cover the rear of the house while the other three officers covered the front and sides of the house. The three responding officers tried to talk the father out of the house. Shortly after the

officer, who was wearing body armor, made his way to the rear of the house, the other officers heard a shot. Unknown to the officers, the suspect had exited the house from the rear and taken up a position in an unattached garage. The suspect later stated that when he saw the victim officer's flashlight beam and heard the police radio, he fired one shot from his 12-gauge pump-action shotgun through a window, in an attempt to get the officer to shoot him. The one shot hit the victim officer in the side of the head. About 8 minutes later, the 45-year-old man, who was under the influence of alcohol, came out of the garage onto the driveway where officers arrested him. The wounded officer was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The alleged shooter, who was under conditional release from prison at the time of the murder, was charged with Homicide-Murder of Peace/Corrections Officer and Weapons Felony Firearm.

Missouri

Shortly before 10 p.m. on August 15, a 22-year-old police officer with the St. Louis Police Department was shot and killed in an ambush. The police officer, who had nearly 1 year of law enforcement experience, went searching for two young males who had fled from him on foot. The officer, who was wearing body armor, drove down an alleyway where he found one of the youths standing in the middle of a vacant lot. As the officer exited his police vehicle to question the young man, the second individual, concealed by brush and darkness, fired one shot from a .38-caliber revolver. The bullet struck the officer in his left shoulder, bypassing his soft body armor and traveling through his torso, mortally wounding him. The two young individuals ran from the scene. The victim officer was able to call for assistance, but he succumbed to his wound shortly after he was transported to a local hospital. Two days after the incident, investigators arrested a 15-year-old male and charged him with First-Degree Murder and Armed Criminal Action in the death of a police officer. The convicted juvenile had a prior criminal record that included drug violations. The other youth was not charged in relation to the shooting.

New Hampshire

On May 11, a 48-year-old corporal with the Franconia Police Department was shot and killed during a traffic stop. At 6:10 p.m., the corporal, who had nearly 11½ years of law enforcement experience, stopped an individual for speeding. As the veteran corporal approached the vehicle, the individual drove away. The corporal pursued the vehicle for

approximately 1 mile and then pulled his patrol vehicle in front of the individual's vehicle, forcing the driver off the road. The man attempted to leave the scene again as the corporal approached the vehicle. The corporal used pepper spray on the man and a passenger in the car. When the corporal turned slightly away, the man produced a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun and shot at the corporal seven times. Four rounds struck the corporal in the front of the head, below the waist, and in the arms/hands. The fatal round struck the corporal in the upper back. The assailant then tried to back his vehicle out of the area where he had been stopped. He drove over the victim corporal and then ran over him a second time. Before the suspect could leave, a passerby and his son drove past the scene and witnessed the incident. The passerby, a former Marine, instructed his son to call for help on the police radio. The former Marine took the corporal's service weapon, a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun, approached the assailant, and ordered him to stop. When the man did not comply, the former Marine fatally shot him. The 24-year-old offender was known to possess drugs and had a prior criminal record for drugs. In addition, he was well known to the victim corporal and had been convicted of assaulting him in 2003.

New Jersey

Around 1:15 a.m. on January 7, a 23-year-old police officer with the Paterson Police Department was shot and killed while being robbed at a local fast food restaurant. The officer, who had nearly 1 year of law enforcement experience, was off duty at the time of the incident. While in the restaurant, the officer was held up by another patron, who subsequently learned that his victim was a police officer. A struggle ensued, and the offender shot the police officer five times with a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun, once in the front of the head and four times in the back as he reached around the unarmed officer. At least one of the rounds that struck the victim officer in the back was fatal. A citizen who attempted to come to the aid of the officer was also shot, but survived. The 23-year-old suspect, who was a known drug dealer and street gang member, had an extensive criminal record. He was arrested on January 16 and was charged with Murder, Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, Robbery by Force, Possess Firearm Unlawful Purpose, Possess Handgun, and Persons Not to have Weapons.



On March 3, shortly after 3:30 a.m., a 33-year-old sergeant with the Newark Police Department was killed during a vehicle pursuit. A suspect, who had been arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm, had been placed in the rear of a marked police car with his hands cuffed behind him. The suspect had maneuvered his hands to the front, slipped through the partition to the front seat of the vehicle, and had driven away from the scene. The veteran sergeant obtained another vehicle and pursued the stolen police vehicle. In an attempt to stop the fleeing suspect, the sergeant pulled alongside the man, and the two vehicles made contact. The sergeant's car careened, then the vehicles collided again, causing the vehicle driven by the sergeant to roll over. The sergeant received wounds to the side and rear of his head, and a fatal wound to the front of his head. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The 20-year-old suspect, who had a prior juvenile and adult criminal record that included police assault, drugs, and violent crime, fled the scene on foot but was quickly apprehended. He was charged with Aggravated Manslaughter, Theft, Attempt to Elude Police, Escape, Possess Defaced Firearms, Possess Handgun, Persons Not to have Weapons, and Causing Death While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

New York

A 32-year-old police officer with the Utica Police Department was shot and killed in an unprovoked attack shortly before 9:30 p.m. on April 12. The officer, who had 5½ years of experience in law enforcement, had pulled a vehicle over to conduct a traffic stop. An individual who was not involved in the stop approached the officer from the rear and fired several rounds at close range from an unknown caliber handgun. The officer, who was wearing a protective vest, was fatally struck in the side of the head. The 23-year-old suspect, who had a previous criminal history record, knew the officer through a prior law enforcement relationship and previously had spoken of harming the officer. Shortly after the incident, the New York State Police arrested and jailed the suspect on unrelated charges. After an investigation, the suspect was identified as the alleged shooter. On June 6, he was charged with Aggravated Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer.



Approximately 2:30 a.m. on July 9, a New York Police Department police officer was shot and killed and his partner seriously wounded during a traffic stop. The 23-year-old officer, who had nearly a year and a half of law enforcement experience, was riding in a

marked cruiser being driven by his 26-year-old partner. The two spotted a suspicious vehicle and made a Department of Motor Vehicles check that revealed that the license plate did not match the vehicle. The officers, both of whom were wearing body armor, pulled over the vehicle and exited their police car. They approached the vehicle, later discovered to be stolen, with the partner walking up to the driver's side and the officer approaching the passenger's side. The driver produced a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun and shot across the car, striking the officer once in the front of the head. The victim officer immediately fell to the ground. Nearly simultaneously, a passenger in the back of the vehicle shot the victim officer's partner twice with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, striking him in the chest and forearm. The partner's body armor prevented the shot from penetrating his chest. The wounded officer returned fire, but the perpetrators were able to speed off. Though wounded, the fallen officer's partner called in the emergency situation and gave a description of the vehicle. Both officers were then taken to a nearby hospital where the fallen officer died 5 days later. His partner, who had 3 years of law enforcement experience, was treated for his wounds and eventually was released from the hospital. Subsequent investigation into this incident resulted in the arrest on July 10 of a 29-year-old male parolee, allegedly the driver of the vehicle, and two other men, both 34 years old and on parole. The alleged driver was charged with First-Degree Murder Law Enforcement Officer, Attempted Murder, Assault Law Enforcement Officer, Criminal Use Firearm, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, and Attempt to Hinder Prosecution. The first 34-year-old suspect was charged with First-Degree Murder Law Enforcement Officer, Assault Law Enforcement Officer, Criminal Possession Weapon, Hindering Prosecution, and Tampering with Evidence. The second 34-year-old suspect was charged with First-Degree Murder Law Enforcement Officer, Attempted Murder, Assault Law Enforcement Officer, Criminal Possession Weapon, Hindering Prosecution, and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

North Carolina

Approximately 2 a.m. on February 23, a 41-year-old sergeant with the Winston-Salem Police Department was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call involving several fights in the parking lot of a local night club. The sergeant, a law enforcement veteran with over 17 years of experience, had just exited his car and was approaching the area when shots were fired from the crowd of over 200 people gathered outside the club. Investigation revealed that the shots were fired from a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

One bullet struck the sergeant in the lower right jaw, traveled downward, and ruptured the carotid artery. The sergeant, who was wearing body armor at the time of the incident, died later that day. A 22-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident, was arrested on February 27 and charged with First-Degree Murder.



Two officers, aged 34 and 35, with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department were shot and killed after approaching a man outside an apartment building where they had just cleared a domestic disturbance call. The incident occurred just before 10:30 p.m. on March 31. The 34-year-old officer, who had more than 1 year of law enforcement experience, and the 35-year-old officer, who had more than 6 years of law enforcement experience, made contact with the man, and a struggle ensued as they attempted to arrest him. The suspect then fired five shots at the officers, both of whom were wearing body armor, at close range with a .32-caliber revolver. Each officer was fatally struck on the side of the head and died of his injuries the following day. The 25-year-old suspect fled the scene but was captured less than an hour after the shooting. He had a prior criminal record, including police assault, and was under the influence of narcotics at the time of the incident. He was arrested and charged with two counts of Murder.

Ohio

A detective with the Toledo Police Department was shot and killed on February 21 while working undercover in an area well-known for drug sales. At 2 a.m., the 35-year-old detective, who was in an unmarked vehicle with two other undercover detectives, observed two suspicious individuals who appeared to be underage. The detective, who had 13 years of law enforcement experience, stopped the vehicle and began talking to the individuals. Some words were exchanged, and the detectives exited the car and identified themselves as police officers. As they attempted to arrest the two individuals, one suspect ran down the street and was pursued by two detectives. The remaining detective grabbed the second individual just a few feet from the undercover vehicle. A short struggle ensued, and the suspect pulled a .38-caliber revolver from his coat pocket and fatally shot the victim detective in the front upper torso/chest. As the suspect tried to flee, the mortally wounded detective fired six rounds at the suspect. None of the shots hit the suspect. The victim was able to broadcast for help, and the other detectives, who had heard the shots, returned with their suspect to the location of the downed detective.

The veteran detective was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. A 15-year-old male on probation, who had a prior criminal record including police assault and weapons violations, was arrested later that day and was charged with Aggravated Murder.



A 31-year-old investigator with the Cleveland Heights Police Department was shot and killed when he responded to a disturbance call around 9:45 p.m. on May 25. The investigator, a 7-year veteran of law enforcement, was in the lead of two police vehicles that responded from the west as another officer approached from the east to the location of a large fight. All of the officers noticed a westbound vehicle when the driver turned around, headed in the opposite direction, then backed into a driveway. To block the suspicious vehicle, the investigator drove alongside the driveway with the driver's side of his vehicle closest to the curb and parked with his emergency lights and side spotlight activated. The investigator had maneuvered his vehicle so that his driver's side door was aligned with the outside of the suspect's driver's door. As the investigator was exiting his vehicle, the suspect began firing at him with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun from inside his vehicle. After the investigator fell to the street, the man got out of his vehicle, approached the downed investigator, and fired several more shots at him. The investigator, who was wearing a protective vest, suffered wounds to the arms, legs, side of the head, and a fatal wound to the front of his head. The assailant fled the scene on foot and broke into a nearby residence. Investigating officers subsequently apprehended the 27-year-old man hiding on the second floor of the home. The man, who had a prior criminal record that included violent crime and police assault, was charged with Aggravated Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer with Specifications, Aggravated Robbery with a Handgun, and Felonious Assault.

Pennsylvania

On October 31 at 10:30 a.m., a 54-year-old police officer with the Philadelphia Police Department was fatally shot when he arrived at a scene of a robbery in progress. The veteran officer, who had nearly 26 years of law enforcement experience, was patrolling an area where armed robberies had been occurring. He was making a security check at a local business, and as the officer opened the door of the establishment, he encountered an armed man. The officer, who was wearing body armor, ducked and drew his service weapon out of its holster; however, before he was able to fire, the offender shot the

officer in the side of his head with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. The shooter stole the victim officer's weapon and fled the area. The suspect was arrested without incident on November 6 in Miami, Florida. The 21-year-old man, who had a prior criminal record including drug abuse violations, was a known dealer and possessor of drugs. He was charged with Murder, Robbery, Theft, and Possession of an Instrument of Crime. The victim officer died of the single gunshot wound on November 1.

Puerto Rico

A 32-year-old veteran agent with the Police of Puerto Rico (POPR), who had nearly 11 years of law enforcement experience, was fatally shot in the forehead at close range while on a special assignment in Juncos on May 22. Shortly before 8 in the evening, three special units of the POPR, San Juan, confronted a group of eight suspects in a well-known drug trafficking area. As officers questioned the group, one suspect jumped over a wire fence and fled the scene. One of the agents spotted a firearm in the waistband of the fleeing suspect and alerted the other officers. This agent pursued the suspect by running through a parallel street while two other agents attempted to follow directly behind the suspect. The other officers who were involved in the drug investigation stayed at the scene with the remaining suspects. During the chase, one of the three agents lost his radio. Another officer saw the suspect jump over another fence into a yard with plantain trees. The agent who had dropped his radio followed the suspect and began searching among the trees with a flashlight for the man. A radioed message alerted the agents that a firearm had been seized at the original arrest scene. Two of the agents returned to assist in the arrests and the securing of the remaining seven suspects. Moments later, two shots were heard, and a supervisory sergeant went to find the agent who had pursued the fleeing suspect. A distress call was issued, requesting assistance for a wounded officer. The victim agent, who was wearing protective body armor, was found unconscious with a shot to his head from an unknown caliber revolver. He was transported to a local hospital where he died a few hours later. Two days after the incident, investigators determined the identity and whereabouts of a 22-year-old male who was then arrested on charges of First-Degree Murder, Illegal Possession of a Firearm, and Illegal Discharge of a Firearm. The offender had a criminal history that included prior convictions for drug violations.

South Carolina

A deputy sheriff with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed during a traffic stop just before 10 p.m. on February 27 in Wellford. The 39-year-old deputy, who had 9 years of law enforcement experience, had pulled an individual over, made contact with him, and had returned to his patrol car when the individual sped away. The veteran deputy, as well as another deputy from the sheriff's office, pursued the man in a brief car chase, which ended on a dead end road. The man then fled on foot into nearby woods. The deputy chased the man, and a struggle ensued. As the deputy was trying to arrest the individual, the man shot him twice at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Rounds struck the deputy in the arms/hands, the chest, and the back. The fatal shot hit his chest under his right arm in an area not covered by the protective vest he was wearing. The victim deputy was able to fire 10 rounds from his service weapon before he died at the scene. The other deputy fired several rounds at the individual as well. Three or four shots hit the 48-year-old suspect, who was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The suspect was under the influence of narcotics and alcohol at the time of the incident and had prior arrests for murder and drugs.



Two officers with the Moncks Corner Police Department, a 40-year-old private first class with more than 2½ years of law enforcement experience and a 26-year-old corporal with more than 1½ years of law enforcement experience, were shot and killed as a result of a domestic disturbance call at 3 p.m. on March 25 at a residence. A caller had reported to the 911 center that a woman was abducted from a business and was being assaulted. The alleged abductor had forced the female into a pickup truck, which police traced to a mobile home. As the private and corporal approached the residence, a man emerged with a 12-gauge semiautomatic shotgun and fired an unknown number of rounds of buckshot at the officers, both of whom were wearing body armor. During the exchange of gunfire, the woman was able to escape. The private shot nine rounds and the corporal shot four rounds using their service handguns; a round from the private's weapon struck the suspect. Both officers were shot in the head, neck, throat, and arms/hands. The private, who was fatally struck in the back of the head, died at the scene. The corporal, who was fatally struck in the front of the head, died at a local hospital the following day. After shooting the officers, the suspect fled the scene in the private's vehicle. Officers from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department located and chased the vehicle. The

51-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record, crashed into a fence at a local school and was justifiably killed by the officers.

Tennessee

On January 6, a trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), Memphis, was shot and killed while conducting a vehicle stop in Covington. Just before 9:30 p.m., the 24-year-old trooper, with nearly 3 years of law enforcement experience, approached the driver's side door of the stopped vehicle, which had two occupants. The trooper detected an odor usually associated with marijuana and questioned the driver regarding whether drugs were present in the vehicle. The driver acknowledged that there were drugs in the console. The trooper asked the driver to exit the vehicle and then patted down the driver before positioning him at the rear of the vehicle. The trooper then leaned into the driver's side of the vehicle, and the passenger opened fire with a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun fatally wounding the trooper, who was wearing body armor, in the front of his head. The driver threw the trooper, who had fallen into the driver's seat, onto the highway before the suspects fled the scene. A passing motorist called 911 to report that the victim trooper was lying on the road, and officers from the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, along with emergency medical personnel, responded. The trooper was pronounced dead at the scene. A description of the suspect vehicle was obtained from the video tape of the incident that was filmed from the victim officer's patrol car, and a notification was sent to area law enforcement. About 4 a.m. the next day, a vehicle matching the description was stopped and the individuals were transported to the local jail. While in jail, these individuals revealed that they had transported two males to a motel in Nashville. Apparently, the information that the individuals gave to the police implicated the two men in the murder of the victim trooper. The Nashville Metro SWAT Team and THP Special Operations Unit descended on that location and arrested the two suspects, a 17-year-old who was on probation at the time of the incident, and a 19-year-old with no prior criminal record. Each was charged with First-Degree Murder and First-Degree Murder Premeditation.

Texas

On March 17 at 1:30 a.m., a 34-year-old game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Victoria, was killed in a small town outside of Austin while responding to a call for assistance from another warden. The first responding warden was investigating a

suspicious vehicle from which shots were allegedly being fired. The driver of the vehicle attempted to flee when the assisting game warden, a veteran law enforcement officer with more than 5 years of law enforcement experience, arrived on the scene. During his escape attempt, the driver struck both of the wardens' vehicles. In the ensuing car chase, the wardens were joined by Wharton County deputies and Texas state troopers. Spike strips were used to disable the suspect's vehicle, and when the car came to a stop, the suspect exited his vehicle, took cover behind the engine area of the car, and began firing a 7.62x39 mm semiautomatic rifle. The suspect fired at the responding officers and wardens, all of whom were still in their respective vehicles. The assisting game warden exited his vehicle and attempted to move to an advantageous location to subdue the shooter. While moving to this point in the darkness, the warden was inadvertently illuminated in the headlights of another officer's vehicle. The warden knelt down and fired at the suspect, striking him at least twice. The suspect fired at the warden and struck him once in the stomach and then shot a fatal round into the warden's arm. The bullet entered through the armhole or shoulder area of his body armor and entered his chest. The victim warden was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The offender, a 26-year-old man who had a prior criminal record, was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. The injuries he sustained in the exchange of gunfire were not life threatening. He was taken into custody and charged with Capital Murder.



A 33-year-old senior corporal with the Dallas Police Department was killed at 5:30 p.m. on March 23 while assisting with a felony traffic stop. The corporal, a veteran of law enforcement with nearly 7 years' experience, was assisting plainclothes officers making a traffic stop on a fleeing vehicle that had been reported to be involved with a possible homicide. During the chase, the driver of the vehicle lost control, spun out, and his vehicle ended up nose to nose with the corporal's patrol car. The corporal exited his vehicle, approached the passenger side of the suspect's vehicle, and was attempting to break the passenger side window when the individual fired a single shot from a .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle from inside the vehicle. The round struck the corporal in the neck and upper portion of the chest above his protective vest, killing him. The 27-year-old suspect, who had a prior criminal record for drugs and weapons violations, was on parole at the time of the incident and was known to possess, use, and deal drugs.

The suspect was arrested at the scene and charged with Capital Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer and four counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.



A 61-year-old deputy sheriff and 63-year-old investigator with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office were shot and killed in a tactical situation in Eustace shortly after 3:30 p.m. on May 17. The deputy sheriff, a nearly 8-year veteran of law enforcement, and the investigator, a 26-year veteran of law enforcement, were among several officers who responded to the scene of a reported domestic disturbance. Initially, officers were talking to a man outside of the residence where the alleged disturbance had occurred. When the officers attempted to arrest the man, he ran into his house and picked up a high-powered hunting rifle with a scope. The officers took cover. Though officers attempted to negotiate with the man, he began firing at them with a .30-06 bolt-action rifle. The deputy sheriff, who was wearing a protective vest, and the investigator were each struck in the front of the head and killed. A gun battle ensued, and then the assailant exited through the back door of the house. As a deputy sheriff behind the house headed for cover, the man shot him in the lower leg and reentered the house. Another officer saw the man at a window, fired at him, and wounded him in the arm and stomach. The man then surrendered to the law enforcement officers. The 47-year-old shooter, who knew at least one of the victim officers through a law enforcement relationship, had a prior criminal record that included police assault and weapons violations. He was charged with Attempted Capital Murder and 2 counts of Capital Murder. As of the date of this publication, the wounded deputy sheriff had not returned to duty.



Just after 12:30 a.m. on June 30, a 34-year-old deputy sheriff with the Bowie County Sheriff's Office was shot and killed while attempting an arrest. The deputy, a veteran of law enforcement with almost 7 years of experience, had been dispatched to a single-vehicle accident with injury in New Boston. Upon discovering that the driver had fled the scene, the veteran deputy and a New Boston police officer, who also had responded to the scene, began searching for the driver in a wooded area near the wrecked vehicle. The deputy found the suspect, and the other officer heard the deputy ask the suspect if he was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The deputy called to the other officer that he was bringing the suspect out of the heavily wooded area and would handcuff him

when he got to the clearing. Just after that verbal exchange, the officer observed the beam from the deputy's flashlight moving erratically and heard a shot. When the officer got to the deputy, the victim stated, "He got my gun and shot me." The officer and other first responders immediately began to give aid to the deputy, who was wounded in the shoulder. (It was later revealed that the bullet from the deputy's .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun had traveled to his lung, wounding him fatally.) The suspect moved deeper into the woods as the officers worked to treat the deputy. A few minutes later, the officers heard another shot. Apparently, the 36-year-old man had committed suicide with one shot to the head from the deputy's service weapon, which was found in the shooter's hand. Subsequent investigation revealed that the man, who had prior convictions, had been drinking and smoking crack cocaine earlier in the evening, as witnessed by three companions. He had become abusive to his friends and had taken the vehicle, which belonged to one of the individuals, without the owner's consent shortly before the car accident took place.



Three corporals from the Odessa Police Department were shot and killed in an ambush situation while responding to a domestic violence call around 6:30 p.m. on September 8. All three victim corporals were veteran law enforcement officers who were wearing protective body armor at the time of the incident. Upon arrival, the first corporal, who was 32 years of age and had 10 years of law enforcement experience, spoke with the woman in front of the residence. The woman reported that her husband was intoxicated and that he had assaulted her. She told the corporal that she believed there were firearms locked in a vehicle inside the closed garage, but she did not know if her husband had the keys to the vehicle. The officer attempted to contact the man at the front door, but there was no response. The suspect's wife gave the officers permission to enter through the back door of the residence. As the first corporal entered the door, he was struck in the jaw with a round from a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun. He managed to return three rounds from his service weapon and then staggered out of the rear door of the residence. In the exchange of gunfire, a second corporal, who was 48 years of age with over 22 years of law enforcement experience, attempted to take cover against the rear exterior of the home. However, the offender leaned out of a window and fired, striking the corporal's left arm. As the corporal fell to the ground, the man shot another round into the top right of the victim officer's head, fatally wounding him. The corporal died at the scene. Additional responding officers arrived and were directed to the rear of

the residence by the first victim corporal, who was still standing. As the assisting officers surrounded the residence, the man fired another round of shots from the window, striking a third corporal in the face. The third victim corporal, who was 30 years of age and had nearly 10 years of law enforcement experience, was killed instantly. Three officers, who were attempting to help the downed corporal, exchanged gunfire with the offender. After a 4-hour standoff the 58-year-old suspect, who had a criminal history including violent crime and weapons violations, was taken into custody. The first victim corporal was transported to a local hospital and then transferred to an area medical center where he died 4 days later as a result of his injuries. The suspect was charged with 3 counts of Capital Murder and 3 counts of Attempted Capital Murder.



A 37-year-old detective with the San Antonio Police Department was shot and killed while attempting to serve an outstanding arrest warrant on an individual for aggravated assault. Around 1:50 p.m. on September 21, the veteran detective, who had nearly 11 years of law enforcement experience, was called to an apartment building as a member of the Repeat Offenders Program (ROP) to help serve the warrant on a man inside who had allegedly shot his girlfriend in the leg with a shotgun the night before. When the detective arrived with other colleagues from the ROP, they set up loose surveillance of the apartment building. One of the other detectives observed the suspect leaving the apartment complex and radioed to the others to arrest him. As the detective and a uniformed officer approached the suspect, he began to run. A foot chase ensued, and the uniformed officer lost sight of the suspect and the detective as they rounded a corner. The officer and other detectives heard one shot and subsequently found the victim detective on the ground in front of the building. The detective, who was wearing body armor, had received a fatal gunshot wound to the front of the head from a 12-gauge pump-action shotgun. The officers and detectives took positions of cover in front of the apartment complex and attempted to contact the suspect. After several minutes, the 35-year-old suspect, who had prior convictions that included weapons violations, called to the officers, "Are you ready?" He then exited the building with the shotgun pointed at the officers. The officers fired several shots, striking the suspect in the leg, stomach, and head, killing him.

Wisconsin

About 11:40 p.m. on May 16, a deputy sheriff with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department was shot during a traffic stop in Somers. The 48-year-old veteran deputy sheriff, who had nearly 18 years of law enforcement experience, attempted to stop a vehicle on a rural road for a traffic violation. After the deputy turned on his emergency lights, the driver of the vehicle continued at a slow speed. Another deputy joined the slow speed pursuit and followed in his patrol vehicle. The suspect continued driving his vehicle for approximately one half mile, turned into a subdivision, and proceeded to the end of a cul-de-sac. The driver pulled the vehicle into a driveway and stopped near the back of the residence. The deputy sheriff who had initiated the traffic stop pulled in behind the vehicle with his emergency lights still on and his spotlight focused on the vehicle. The deputy sheriff, who was wearing body armor, exited his vehicle. He approached the suspect's vehicle and ordered the driver to get out. The suspect opened the driver's door, pointed a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun at the deputy sheriff, and fired. A round from the weapon deflected off the deputy's shoulder microphone and went into his neck. The victim deputy returned fire, but the suspect shot another round that struck the deputy in the face, fatally wounding him. As the victim deputy fell to the ground, a third round struck him in the thigh. The assisting deputy sheriff took cover and fired 11 rounds at the suspect, who fled into a nearby wooded area. On the following day, the victim deputy sheriff succumbed to his wounds, and tactical units captured the 44-year-old alleged shooter and charged him with First-Degree Intentional Homicide. The man, who had been under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the incident, had a prior criminal record that included violent crimes and weapons violations.